

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2016 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Community Affairs

HB 7033 — OGSR/Emergency Notification Information

by Government Operations Subcommittee and Rep. Taylor (CS/SB 7004 by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Community Affairs Committee)

The bill saves from repeal the current public records exemption for any information furnished by a person to an agency for the purpose of being provided with emergency notifications from the agency. Sheriffs' offices, universities, public utilities, and many other governmental entities throughout Florida have emergency notification systems in place. The governmental entities send warnings on a variety of topics, including boil water orders, severe weather, sexual predator notification, missing persons, hazardous materials, flood warning, evacuations, terrorist activities, mass shootings, utility outages, school closures, and road closures. Thus, information provided by a person to these agencies is exempt from public records requirements.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2016.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 118-0